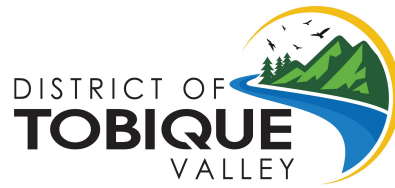


Minutes



Regular Meeting

February 17th, 2026

DATE OF MEETING

7:00 PM

TIME

Mayor Eagles

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Tom Eagles, Deputy Mayor Gary Harding, Councillor Joanne Michaud, Councillor William Eagles, Councillor Sharon DeWitt, Councillor Tony Wright, Councillor Laurie Barry-Kinney, Amanda Jenkins McAskill, ASO

Absent: Patty St. Peter, CAO/Clerk

Mayor Eagles stated, “We begin today by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoquey. These territories are covered by treaties of peace and friendship of the Wolastoquey people first signed with the British Crown in 1725.”

OPENING PRAYER

Mayor Eagles lead the meeting in the Lord’s Prayer.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Eagles noted an addition to

- 12. Correspondence –
 - (b) Carleton Victoria Outstanding Citizen Awards
 - (c) Letter from DTI
- 14. Closed –
 - Land

RESOLUTION: Approval of agenda with the additions noted above - Councillor Eagles, Councillor Wright

- Councillor Wright – Yay
- Councillor Michaud – Yay
- Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay
- Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay
- Councillor Eagles – Yay
- Councillor DeWitt – Yay
- Mayor Eagles - Yay

Carried 202602-04

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION: Approval of Regular Meeting January 19th, 2026 – Deputy Mayor Harding, Councillor DeWitt

- Councillor Wright – Yay
- Councillor Michaud – Yay
- Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay
- Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay
- Councillor Eagles – Yay
- Councillor DeWitt – Yay
- Mayor Eagles - Yay

Carried 202602-05

RESOLUTION: Approval of the Special Meeting February 3rd, 2026 – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Wright

- Councillor Wright – Yay
- Councillor Michaud – Yay
- Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay
- Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay
- Councillor Eagles – Yay
- Councillor DeWitt – Yay
- Mayor Eagles - Yay

Carried 202602-06

THIRD READING & ENACTMENT – BY-LAW 20A-11 – A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF PLASTER ROCK RURAL BY-LAW #20A

Pursuant to Section 117 of the *Community Planning Act*, the Council of the District of Tobique Valley enacts the following amendments to Rural Plan By-law # 20A:

1. Adding the following section:

SECTION 25.0.0 – RESIDENTIAL 4 (R4 ZONE)

25.1.0 Permitted Uses

- 25.1.1 In a R4 zone, any lot, building or structure may be used for the purposes of, and for no other purpose,

- (a) the following main use:
 - (i) a single-detached dwelling, excluding a mini-home,
- (b) the following secondary uses:
 - (i) a home occupation, in accordance with section 14.9.
- (c) any accessory building, structure, or use incidental to the main use of the land, building or structure.

25.2.0 Lot and Building Standards

25.2.1 The provision of sections 15.2.0, 15.3.0, 15.4.0, 15.5.0, 15.6.0, 15.7.0, 15.8.0, and 15.9.0 herein apply.

2. Schedule B of the Village of Plaster Rock Rural Plan By-law #20A is hereby amended by rezoning lands having Property Identifier’s 65195414, 65195406, 65195398, 65195448, and 65195455 from Mixed Development Zone (MD Zone) to Residential 4 (R4 Zone) as per the map attached herewith (Schedule A).

RESOLUTION: To accept the Third and Final Reading By-Law 20A-11 – A by-law to amend the Village of Plaster Rock Rural Plan By-Law #20A – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Michaud

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| ○ Councillor Wright – Yay | ○ Councillor Eagles – Yay |
| ○ Councillor Michaud – Yay | ○ Councillor DeWitt – Yay |
| ○ Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay | ○ Mayor Eagles - Yay |
| ○ Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay | |

Carried 202602-07

Committee Reports

Mayor Eagles

Regional Service Commission

Board meeting was held, January 16th at the Western NB Service Commission Board Room. The main purpose of this meeting was to meet with Horizon Health, CEO Margaret Melanson, Minister of Health John Doran, and Deputy Minister of Health, Eric Beaulieu, Premier Susan Holt and eight doctors from the reduction in professional staff to the point that on many occasions, labour and birth services have been temporarily unavailable. All pregnancies would need to travel to Fredericton, and this is unacceptable.

On February 6th, the Board (URVH Dr. Katie Goodine) had a follow up meeting in Fredericton with the Premier, CEO Melanson and Dr. Ash McLellan, Senior Medical Executive Director of Horizon Health in the Premiers office. We are told Horizon is trying to recruit new professionals for that hospital, but after listening to Horizon for two meetings, it is very evident that the lack of Local Autonomy is a major stumbling block trying to recruit. Health professionals will not work in that facility that is being run out of Fredericton. We are told the Board will be updated in a month, but the Premier is concerned and understands the problems at URVH.

Next Board Meeting will be held February 18th via zoom @9:00 am. The Board will be meeting with the three local MLA's soon to discuss the URVH.

RSC – Public Safety

Things have been relatively steady the last month as the weather has been cold. I am very happy to see the RCMP visiting schools in this area because collaboration and communication is a must with our youth.

UMNB

Legal Procedures workshop will be offered virtually with Basile Chiasson to explain the legislative and regulatory framework surrounding the Local Governance Act, the Planning Act, and other relevant legislation, the possible legal procedures, and the options available to municipalities. The virtual English – Webinar will be March 24, 2026 @ Council Chambers for all of council to attend if available.

Deputy Mayor Gary Harding

Public Works

- New hanger bearing on cube truck
- Met with Mike LeBlanc (provincial gas inspector) at well house to inspect generator regulators (all met code)
- Meeting with Scott and Melanie over wildfire resilience
- Put generator on cement pad at wellhouse
- Repaired 3 service line leaks
- New chain and bearing on trackless salter
- Remove Christmas decorations from common area and took down Christmas banners
- Repaired throttle cable on trackless
- New stop sign installed at church St.
- Organized dumpsters from Northwest & Darren MacDonald to demolish old trailer at 8 Centennial court
- Manhole maintenance and flushed restricted mainline on Ridgewell
- Take link out of main conveyor chain and remove & clean cross conveyor on plow truck
- Install new maxi pot on plow truck
- Repaired 2 fire hydrants
- Plowed/Salted 19 times

- 5 loads of salt delivered this month
- 6 Samples taken all acceptable results

Tobique Forestry Advisory Committee

- January 27th – Logan Lean gave a safety meeting on Acadian Timber Forestry land.
- Next meeting February 24th.

Cemetery Committee

No Report

Councillor Laurie Barry-Kinney

Policy & By-Laws

No report

Pond Hockey

No report

Economic Development – Tourism

Domain approved – once purchased the Glenn Group will have the study done.

Councillor Tony Wright

Parks, Community Development & Facility Maintenance/Community Development Committee

Recreation:

- Snowshoe Club began on January 7th and has had a great turnout each week. The group meets every Wednesday at 1:30 pm and has enjoyed adventures along the nature trail, Maggie's Falls, and a trail in Red Rapids. Participation and feedback have been very positive, with everyone seeming to really enjoy the outings.
- Have a few events lined up for the month of February
 1. Senior Social on February 5th. Lunch will include soup and sandwich
 2. Family Day on Feb 16th. This will include sliding at the park and free hot chocolate and complimentary smores.

3. Laser Tag will start the 26th, 27th, and 28th. Local Schools have already reached out to book sessions and will be bussing students to the event.

- Have been in correspondence with the Glenn Group regarding information on the on-going feasibility study positioning our District as an Appalachian mountain range-style experience/adventure destination. We have been asked to acquire a domain name in which we are working on at this present time.

Facility

No report

Pond Hockey

Getting close to the event. RCMP will be present at the event as well as patrolling on sleds.

Councillor HW Eagles

Fire Department

COW meeting – topic has been what their position is with EMO – and who would be the coordinator. Will be discuss in more detail next meeting.

Cemetery

No report

Transportation

No Report

Long Term/Palliative Care

Long Term Care – started a steering committee for the new complex. Have held a few meetings and next meeting will be after pond hockey

Councillor Sharon DeWitt

For the month of January 2026

MONTHLY	INCOME	EXPENSE
GENERAL	\$252,785.01	\$196,736.15
WATER & SEWER	\$109,773.89	\$31,350.25
TOTAL	\$362,558.90	\$228,086.40

EMO

- Attended Public Safety Committee meeting in Woodstock 01/29/26
 - Templates provided for the following and would like RSC communities to adopt them
 - Evacuation Plan
 - Emergency Response Plan
 - Flooding tabletop at February's PSC meeting
 - Be Ready Programs (60 min presentation) are available through Red Cross – looking to book one in our area
 - Red Cross – a shelter is not registered in Plaster Rock, will be looking into this.
 - Fire Prevention Policy – Burn Ban examples were noted for municipalities to adopt.
 - Resiliency NB – meeting 02/18/26
 - RSC will be doing a roll out of Voyent
- FireSmartNB Funding Meeting
- TSI meeting recapping our Wildfire Resiliency Plan
- Attended Senior Social help advertise and sign up community members to Voyent
- Training upcoming or currently:
 - Basic Emergency Management Course
 - Emergency Communications
 - FireSmartNB
 - Tabletop for DTV has been scheduled for April 21st.

Library

- The group from CVCVB will come on Feb. 11th for their monthly craft session with Stephanie. This month will be a Valentine's wall decoration.
- Lego Club will be held after school on February 10th.
- The library board meeting will also be held on Feb. 10th.
- Spice Club's spice/seasoning for February is chives. We currently have 24 participants. New members are welcome. Feb. 19th marks the 1-year anniversary of Spice Club. We are planning a celebration later in March.
- The library Book Club will be meeting on Feb. 19th to discuss "The Mother-in-law" by Sally Hepworth. New members are always welcome.
- Rug Hooking meets this month on Feb. 3rd & 17th.
- Story Time continues on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. We have had little or no participation in the program for months. Please help spread the word to anyone with children under the age of 5.
- There will be an adult craft night on Feb. 26. The craft has yet to be decided. Registration will be required.
- The library had a very successful Adopt a Book. We have raised \$1411 since October. Thank you to everyone who helped out and donated. We have been able to purchase many new books for our collection.

Education

DFMS

No Report

TVMHS

Has requested a letter of support to be sent to RDC to support playground equipment funding.

Councillor Joanne Michaud

Health

I met with Jen Eagan at the Health Centre on January 20, and we discussed recruiting strategies for both nurse practitioners and doctors.

It was noted that Mack Perry, NP, now works in the clinic on Thursdays instead of Tuesdays, weekly, from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m., and sees about 18 patients in that time.

Future incentive contracts were discussed, and it was decided to include a clause regarding the number of patients the potential health provider would take on. Standard patient loads are:

- Part-time NP – 400
- Full-time NP – 800
- Full-time Doctor – 1,000

As an example, a F/T nurse practitioner would take 2 years to get to a full roster of 800 patients.

Policy & By Laws

No Report

Christmas

No report

RESOLUTION: Reports be accepted as submitted and accounts payable – Councillor DeWitt, Councillor Eagles

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| ○ Councillor Wright – Yay | ○ Councillor Eagles – Yay |
| ○ Councillor Michaud – Yay | ○ Councillor DeWitt – Yay |
| ○ Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay | ○ Mayor Eagles - Yay |
| ○ Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay | |

Carried 202602-08

Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Community & Administration

- Riley Brook Generator update. Generator has been replaced; the propane company has to complete their end.
- Mobile home demolition on Centennial Court has been completed.

Financial

- Utility invoices and newsletters have been distributed – many residents taking advantage of our 5% discount when paying for the year.

By-Law Enforcement

Jan 13, 2026

-Patrol, dealt with a dog bite in Sisson Ridge. Spoke with dog owner, and RCMP. NBSPCA also was called on this file and spoke with her. Dog is a Corso/Pit mix and is vaccinated as per dog owner.

Jan 22, 2026

- Patrol-Also dealt with complaint from 65 Brook St, German shepherd chasing people as they walk by. Spoke with dog owner and they advised that they would keep an eye on it.

Jan 30, 2026

-Did up letter for 219 Main St and had Patty approve it.

Feb 2, 2026

-Mailed the letter for 219 Main St

Meetings

- Jan 27 – Departmental meetings
- Jan 28 & Feb 4 – WPHC meetings
- Feb 4 – Joint Health & Safety

Training

- Political Abilities – Municipal Management Training Program

Upcoming Training & Meetings

- Feb 25 – WCB representative
- March 17th – Joint Health & Safety completion for all committee members
- March 24th – Asset Management course through NBII

RESOLUTION: The Acting Chief Administrative Officer report be accepted – Councillor Eagles, Deputy Mayor Harding

- Councillor Wright – Yay
- Councillor Michaud – Yay
- Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay
- Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay
- Councillor Eagles – Yay
- Councillor DeWitt – Yay
- Mayor Eagles - Yay

Carried 202602-09

Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) **Community Investment Program Policy** – New Policy adapted for the Community Investment Program Policy.

RESOLUTION: To approve the new Community Investment Program Policy and Application – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Michaud

- Councillor Wright – Yay
- Councillor Michaud – Yay
- Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay
- Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay
- Councillor Eagles – Yay
- Councillor DeWitt – Yay
- Mayor Eagles - Yay

Carried 202602-10

New Business

- a) Western NB Service Commission has recently hired a new building inspector, Daniel Johnston

RESOLUTION: To appoint Daniel Johnston of the Western NB Service Commission as Building Inspector for the District of Tobique Valley, effective immediately – Councillor Eagles, Deputy Mayor Harding

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| ○ Councillor Wright – Yay | ○ Councillor Eagles – Yay |
| ○ Councillor Michaud – Yay | ○ Councillor DeWitt – Yay |
| ○ Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay | ○ Mayor Eagles - Yay |
| ○ Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay | |

Carried 202602-11

Correspondence:

- a) Tobique Valley Middle High School is looking for support in sponsoring 2025-2026 yearbook.

RESOLUTION: To donate \$150 for a full-page sponsorship in the TVMHS yearbook. – Councillor Eagles, Councillor DeWitt

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| ○ Councillor Wright – Yay | ○ Councillor Eagles – Yay |
| ○ Councillor Michaud – Yay | ○ Councillor DeWitt – Yay |
| ○ Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay | ○ Mayor Eagles - Yay |
| ○ Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay | |

Carried 202602-12

- b) Carleton Victoria Outstanding Citizen Award asking for support for the banquet on June 13th, in Plaster Rock.

RESOLUTION: To donate \$833 to the CVOCA committee for the banquet. – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Wright

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| ○ Councillor Wright – Yay | ○ Councillor Eagles – Yay |
| ○ Councillor Michaud – Yay | ○ Councillor DeWitt – Yay |
| ○ Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay | ○ Mayor Eagles - Yay |
| ○ Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay | |

Carried 202602-13

- c) Letter from Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

DTI will take responsibility for crack sealing on all provincial-municipal highways (roads under the Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership Program).

Next Meeting Date

RESOLUTION: The next Regular Meeting is Monday, March 16, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Phil Sharkey Memorial Centre – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Wright

- Councillor Wright – Yay
- Councillor Michaud – Yay
- Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay
- Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay
- Councillor Eagles – Yay
- Councillor DeWitt – Yay
- Mayor Eagles - Yay

Carried 202602-14

Closed Session – Land

RESOLUTION: To move the meeting into closed session at 7:52 p.m.– Councillor DeWitt, Deputy Mayor Harding

- Councillor Wright – Yay
- Councillor Michaud – Yay
- Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay
- Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay
- Councillor Eagles – Yay
- Councillor DeWitt – Yay
- Mayor Eagles - Yay

Carried 202602-15

RESOLUTION: To move the meeting to open session at 8:26 p.m. – Councillor Michaud, Councillor Barry-Kinney

- Councillor Wright – Yay
- Councillor Michaud – Yay
- Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay
- Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay
- Councillor Eagles – Yay
- Councillor DeWitt – Yay
- Mayor Eagles - Yay

Carried 202602-16

Adjournment

RESOLUTION: The meeting adjourned @ 8:27 p.m. – Councillor Michaud, Councillor Eagles

- Councillor Wright – Yay
- Councillor Michaud – Yay
- Deputy Mayor Harding – Yay
- Councillor Barry-Kinney – Yay
- Councillor Eagles – Yay
- Councillor DeWitt – Yay
- Mayor Eagles - Yay

Carried 202602-17

Tom Eagles, Mayor

**Amanda Jenkins McAskill, Acting
CAO/Clerk**

